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##### **R4-18-601. Definitions**

In addition to the definitions in A.R.S. § 32-1501 and A.A.C. R4-18-101, the following definitions apply to this Article:

1. “Approved medical assistant program” means a course of study for medical assistants that is provided:
  - a. At an institution that is accredited by:
    - i. The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs,
    - ii. The Commission for the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, or
    - iii. An accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Armed Forces of the United States, or
  - b. By an organization recognized by the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians.
2. “Employ” means to compensate by money or other consideration for work performed.
3. “Medical history” means an account of an individual’s past and present physical and mental health including the individual’s illness, injury, or disease.
4. “Medication” means a drug as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1501 or a natural substance as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1581.
5. “Naturopathic practice” means a place where the practice of naturopathic medicine as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1501 takes place.
6. “Training” means classroom and clinical instruction completed by an individual as part of an approved medical assistant program.
7. “Treatment” means any of the acts included in the practice of naturopathic medicine as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1501.

##### **R4-18-602. Medical Assistant Qualification**

An individual shall complete an approved medical assistant program to qualify for certification as a medical assistant.

##### **R4-18-603. Application for Medical Assistant Certification**

An applicant for a medical assistant certificate shall submit an application packet to the Board that contains the following:

1. An application form provided by the Board, signed and dated by the applicant that contains:

- a. The applicant's name, mailing address, telephone number, and Social Security number;
  - b. The applicant's date and place of birth;
  - c. The applicant's height, weight, and eye and hair color;
  - d. The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant's employer, if applicable;
  - e. The name of the licensed physician who will supervise the applicant;
  - f. The name and address of the institution where the applicant completed an approved medical assistant program;
2. A copy of a certificate of completion from an approved medical assistant program or a letter of completion from an approved medical assistant program signed by the person in charge of the approved medical assistant program;
  3. A completed and legible fingerprint card; and
  4. The fees required by the Board under A.R.S. § 32-1527.

**R4-18-604. Renewal of Medical Assistant Certificate**

An applicant for a renewal certificate shall submit to the Board:

1. A renewal form, provided by the Board, that is signed and dated by the applicant and contains the applicant's:
  - a. Name,
  - b. Social Security number,
  - c. Residence and naturopathic practice addresses, and
  - d. Telephone number; and
2. The fee required by the Board under A.R.S. § 32-1527.

**R4-18-605. Authorized Procedures for Medical Assistants**

A. A medical assistant may perform the following under the direct supervision of a physician:

1. Obtain a patient's medical history;
2. Obtain a patient's vital signs;
3. Assist a physician in performing a physical examination, surgical procedure, or treatment;
4. Perform a diagnostic test ordered by a physician including:
  - a. An electrocardiogram;
  - b. A peripheral vein puncture;
  - c. A capillary puncture;
  - d. Urine analysis;

- e. A hematology test; or
- f. Respiratory function testing;
- 5. Administer a medication:
  - a. By mouth; or
  - b. By subcutaneous or intra-muscular injection if the medical assistant received training on performing this type of administration from an approved medical assistant training program;
- 6. Monitor and remove an intravenous administration of a medication established by a supervising physician if the medical assistant received training on monitoring and removing an intravenous administration from an approved medical assistant training program.
- 7. Perform physiotherapy, which includes the following:
  - a. Whirlpool treatment,
  - b. Diathermy treatment,
  - c. Electronic stimulation treatment,
  - d. Ultrasound therapy,
  - e. Massage therapy,
  - f. Traction,
  - g. Transcutaneous nerve stimulation,
  - h. Colon hydrotherapy, or
  - i. Hot and cold pack treatment.
- B. A medical assistant shall not:
  - 1. Diagnose a medical condition;
  - 2. Design or modify a treatment program;
  - 3. Prescribe a medication or natural substance;
  - 4. Provide a patient with a prognosis;
  - 5. Unless authorized by law, perform:
    - a. An ionizing radiographic procedure,
    - b. A surgical procedure,
    - c. A central venous catheterization,
    - d. An acupuncture needle insertion, or
    - e. Manipulative therapy;
  - 6. Administer or establish an intravenous medication;

7. Perform any procedure that requires precise placement of a needle into a patient by single or multiple injections including:
- a. Sclerotherapy,
  - b. Prolotherapy,
  - c. Mesotherapy, or
  - d. Neurotherapy; or
8. Employ the medical assistant's supervising physician or have any financial interest in a naturopathic practice where the supervising physician is employed.
- C. While assisting a naturopathic physician or performing a procedure delegated to the medical assistant, the medical assistant shall wear a clearly visible tag that states the individual is a medical assistant.